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Soviet Military Activity in St. POELTEN and BRUCK/LEITHA area

17th May - 2nd June 1954

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1. 17th May 1954

3 Railway box [] with clothes and foot-wear were unloaded at Military Stores, WAGRAM.

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2. 19th May, 1954.

At 0900-1100 hrs 7 groups of 5-6 uniformed women each were observed carrying out firing from pistols in a wood west from 'RAINER' Barracks, St. POELTEN. An officer was in command.

3. 20th May 1954

4 T/34 tanks were observed being painted with red ground dye in 2nd from the North wooden shed, Camp SPRATZERN. One of vehicles was partly painted green. []

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4. 22nd May 1954.

Furniture and stores were observed being loaded [] in Camp SPRATZERN. []

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5. 23rd May 1954

6 long barrelled field guns, cal. approx 8 cm. were observed being towed out of sheds, Camp SPRATZERN and parked in open. Cases appearing to contain ammunition were carried out from sheds and stored in open. The cases were approx 50 by 30 by 12 cm and they were handled very carefully. []

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6. 24th May 1954

6 long barrelled field guns, cal. approx 8 cm. [] and 4 box

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[] of ammunition and stores were observed being loaded at Goods railway station St. POELTEN at 0730 - 0830 hrs.

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7. 26th May 1954

(a) 2 MT fuel tankers W.R.Nos G 5-39-06 and E 3-50-07 were observed in KREMS a.d. DONAU, moving in the direction of GFOERL. Drivers had black S.bs.

(b) MT maintenance work and general cleaning were observed at Camp

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(c) 6 box [] with rations and 1 box [] with clothing were
unloaded at Military Stores, WAGRAM.

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9. 2nd June 1954

(a) At 0800 - 0920 hrs 12 uniformed women carried out firing exercises in a wood W of the RAINIER barracks. Single shots from pistols and small calibre rifles were heard. The women were observed firing from a lying position.

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10. German speaking Russian officers were observed in local gasthauses.

11. [] Russian [] who [] left for GOEPFRITZ

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[] would not come back before Christmas.

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BRUCK/LEITHA Area

12. 3rd May 1954

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6 T/34 tanks left the tank barracks in BRUCK/LEITHA and went in the direction KAISERSTEINBRUCK []

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[]
[] About 18 8.5cm AA guns and 6 7.5 cm. anti tank/field guns
observed. []

[] Training ended at approx 1620 hrs.

13. 4th May 1954

Observed at the tank barracks BRUCK/LEITHA at 0540 hrs: Three J.S. tanks [] and 5 T/34 tanks []

[] Approx 8 Jeeps, 8 8.5 cm AA guns, 12 Guns smaller than the 7.5 cm Field gun, 6 7.5 cm field guns []

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U. S. Officials Only14. 6th May 1954 0630 hrs

Observed going towards KAISERSTEINBRUCK from the direction of BRUCK/LEITHA 50X1-HUM

3 T/34 tanks [redacted]

15. 10th May 1954

2 J.S. tanks observed returning to barracks in the evening

16. 11th May 1954

At 0500 hrs, 12 T/34 and 4 J.S. tanks left the barracks and joined in the training area. The following also took part in the training:

[redacted] approx 12 8.5 cm AA guns, 50X1-HUM

approx 16 7.5 cm field guns, approx 8 guns smaller than the 7.5 cm field/gun,

18 MIG 15s were seen in the air coming from the S.E. and going away in N.E. direction. 50X1-HUM

17. 12th May 1954

Continuation of [redacted]

para 16 above: [redacted]

18. 17th May, 1954

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At 0410 hrs [redacted]

and 6 J.S. tanks [redacted]

left BRUCK/LEITHA in direction of the 50X1-HUM

training area. The following were observed in the training area: [redacted]

[redacted] approx 12 8.5 cm AA guns, 50X1-HUM

approx 12 7.5 cm field guns, 8 guns slightly smaller than the 7.5 cm field

gun and scout cars [redacted]

Approx 24 MIG 15's were also observed 50X1-HUM

in the air over the area.

19. 18th May 1954

Continuation of the training mentioned in para 17 above. T/34's [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] observed and J.S. tank [redacted]

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20. 21st May 1954.

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16 T/34 and 6 J.S. tanks left the barracks at 0455 hrs.

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22. 27th May 1954

At 0450 hrs, 18 T/34 tanks

and

6 J.S. tanks

left the barracks for the training

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area. The following were also observed in the training area:

approx 12 8.5cm

AA guns, 16 7.5 cm field guns, 12 guns slightly smaller than the 7.5 cm.

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